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Appl. No. 10/635,685
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Further reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Allowance of claims 56-59 and 64-69 as well as the indication of the allowable matter at claims 72 and 73 is appreciatively noted.

The rejection of claims 70, 71 and 74 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly anticipated by applicant's "admission of the prior art" is respectfully traversed. It is believed that the Examiner has misinterpreted applicant's description of the prior art.

In any event, this ground of rejection has been mooted by the Amendment which cancels claim 70 without prejudice while amending claims 72 and 73 to self standing independent format. The dependencies of claims 71 and 74 have also been suitably adjusted.

New dependent claims 75 and 76 depend from independent claim 73 and correspond respectively to claims 71 and 74 as will be apparent.

The Examiner's attention is also drawn to the attached Form PTO SB/08/a identifying possibly related co-pending commonly owned US patent application 10/024,536 (now published as 2002-0169372-A1) naming Mituse Miyazaki as sole inventor and now being examined by Examiner Shearin in Art Unit 3737. The IDS fee for this stage of prosecution is also attached. Official consideration and return of a fully initialed copy of the Form PTO SB/08/a is respectfully solicited.

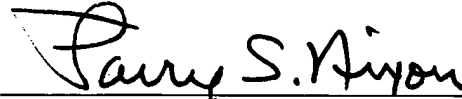
Accordingly, this entire application is now believed to be in allowable condition and a formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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